

Research and results about Pennington Farm Cemetery in Humiston Woods

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Introduction

There is a small family cemetery west of the Vermilion River, and it is on timber owned by Humiston Woods.

I saw it by accident a couple years ago when I was looking for a site to possibly re-build the old Morris Cabin from Cornell. The stones had broken off and were laying flat on the ground, and embedded into the ground.

Someone wants to investigate and possibly refurbish this little cemetery and asked me for historical information.


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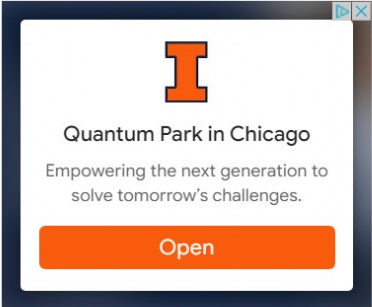
Eliza B. "Libbie" *Calkins* Robinson ✱
unknown – 1 Oct 1862




Elizabeth Robinson ✱
Oct 1846 – 28 Mar 1865



Jemima Swihart ✱
26 Oct 1863 – 10 Feb 1871



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Pennington Farm Cemetery


Pontiac, Livingston County, Illinois, USA



First Name	Middle Name	Last Name(s)
Year Born	Exact ▾	Year Died
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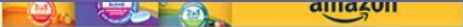
So there are a total of 3 stones in the Cemetery.


Info on the 3 burials



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Eliza B. “Libbie” *Calkins* Robinson

BIRTH unknown

DEATH 1 Oct 1862
Livingston County, Illinois, USA


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Inscription is from cemetery records done from 1978 to 1980, when this cemetery was canvassed. Copied here exactly as transcribed at that time.

Death date of October 1, 1862.

A contributor states that she died as a result of a kerosene explosion. I have no proof of this

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A contributor states:

"According to records on Ancestry, Elizabeth B. Calkins married Lyman Robinson in Livingston County, Illinois on 14 July 1860. Their child, Ida May, was born November 1861. Lyman married Rebecca Pembroke in LaSalle, Illinois on 3 July 1866."

Still another contributor states her parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth Calkins.

I will not be accepting any more edits on this person without proof.

Inscription

Wife of ? L. ROBINSONAND BY HER CHILDREN J. & D. A. & E.

Gravesite Details

These graves are in the Humiston Woods, under trees and hard to find. They're laying on the ground in pieces.

Family Members

Spouse



Lyman Robinson
1836–1895 (m. 1860)

Children



Ida May Robinson Church
1861–1932

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Elizabeth Robinson

BIRTH Oct 1846

DEATH 28 Mar 1865 (aged 18)
Livingston County, Illinois, USA

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Jemima Swihart

BIRTH 26 Oct 1863
Wabash County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 10 Feb 1871 (aged 7)
Amity Township, Livingston County, Illinois, USA

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She is the forgotten one of her parents' children, never listed in the obituaries. She did exist and is buried here among strangers in Livingston County Illinois.

Name Jemima Swihart

Age in 1870 6

Birth Date abt 1864

Birthplace Indiana

Daughter of Jemima Swihart 70

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Inscription

Daughter of
J. & M. SWIHART

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So,

Family Members

Parents



Rev Jonathan H Swihart Jr
1840–1923



Mary Schillinger Swihart
1839–1909

Siblings



Sophia Elva Swihart Harley
1861–1947



Anna May Swihart Morris
1866–1936



Elizabeth I. "Lizzie" Swihart
Pickering
1869–1948



George Swihart
1872–1955



Emma Swihart Ping
1878–1901



Rosetta B. Swihart Yakes
1883–1954



Jesse Paul Swihart
1886–1948

looks like 2 of the people were related, but 3rd is not related.

What Township is Humiston Woods in?



Trip.com

<https://www.trip.com/attraction/pontiac-township>

Humiston Woods Nature Center - Opening Hours, Reviews ...

Humiston Woods Nature Center. 1.0. Livingston **County** Pontiac **Township** . City Parks .

Humiston Woods Nature Center. based on 8 reviews. 2100 East 2100 North ...

Looks like it is Pontiac Township.

1878 Livingston County History book

All of the pioneer settlers are in this oldest book of Livingston County history (they likely had to pay a fee to be included in this book)

I have PDF file of this book and can word search it. Names to search for:

Calkins

Robinson

Swihart

Pennington (I never heard that its name was Pennington Farm Cemetery until this research request. I should check for Pennington name also.

Calkins

Taxpayers living in Pontiac.....

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TAX-PAYERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY:

Countryman, Nelson, laborer.
Countryman, George, laborer.
Cook, Allen, butcher.
Cook, W. H., butcher.
Cook, John, butcher.
Cook, Avery, capitalist.
Cook, Edgar, groceries.
Cook, Isaac, laborer.
Cook, Micajah, farmer.
Chapman, Amasa, engineer.
Cullom, J. W., teacher.
Cleland, Thomas, retired farmer.
Cleland, Thomas, Jr., laborer.
Cleland, William H., laborer.
Calkins, Ebenezer, laborer.
Clemens, W. C., iron dealer.

Fender, Simon, carpenter.
Fillmore, Huling &
Foster, Robert F., p
Furzman, Wm. H., d
Fillmore, Millard, d
Franklin, William, d
Fender & Hills, car
Gore, William, farm
Gregory, Mrs. Ann,
Greenman, E. O., lu
Gaylord, Horace, pl
Greenebaum, Henry
Greenebaum & Bro.
Graber, Henry, wag
Gunsul, Henry B., l
Gunsul & Blackman

DWIGHT TOWNSHIP.

P. O. Dwight.
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Costello, Mrs. Bridget, far.; P. O. Dwight.
Collins, George, farmer; P. O. Dwight.
Christesen, Huna, farmer; P. O. Dwight.
Christesen, Wm., farmer; P. O. Dwight.
Calkins, Mrs. S. W., farmer; P. O. Dwight.
Dwight.

Canuteson, C., farmer; P. O. Cayuga.
Coe, C. N., grain dealer; P. O. Cayuga.
Craft, Philip, farmer; P. O. Cayuga.
Chapman, Ed., farmer; P. O. Cayuga.
Calkins, M., farmer; P. O. Cayuga.
Chapman, Agnes, Mrs.; P. O. Cayuga.
Courtney, W. A., farmer; P. O. Odell.

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HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

CORPORALS.

F. A. Trowbridge.
W. Gebhardt,
F. Finefield.
C. Borry.
E. B. French.
J. Corcoran.
J. Borry.
Lewis Almy.

MUSICIANS.

Ira W. Dibble.
Henry Trowbridge.

PRIVATES.

Aerl, L.
Angell, W. H.
Brewer, A. J.
Baker, W. E.
Bosworth, M. J.
Blue, N.
Benedict, J.
Corney, T. H.
Courtney, J.
Dibble, G. L.
Davis, U. C.
Fairfield, H. M.
Heath, F. M.
Hamilton, F.
Kennedy, J. C.
Kelt, F.
Kidder, C.
Jewett, F.
Lee, F. A.
Lightholder, T.
Murkins, F. L.
McLean, C. F.
McCormick, B.
McCormick, D. P.
Miller, D.
Massey, H.
Moore, J.
Murkins, J. L.
Nagle, M.
Raney, J.
Ray, J. R.
Rielly, A. D.
Schornmaker, F. C.
Schultz, G.
Stine, J. R.
Thompson, T.
Theiss, J.
Woodruff, J. L.
Whisner, A.

Co. E, Parson's Guards (Dwight).

S. H. Kenny, Captain.
S. M. Witt, First Lieutenant.
J. H. Lloyd, Second Lieutenant.
Jas. Kelaher, First Sergeant.
Hans, Madsen, Second Sergeant.
G. W. Gaghagan, Third Sergeant.
Levi Wood, Fourth Sergeant.
C. M. Mackley, Fifth Sergeant.

CORPORALS.

Kenny, John M.
Lewis, Danl.
Dunlop, Jas. M.
Winters, I. G.
Lewis, Frank L.
Magee, Wm. T.
Miller, Alfred.
Jensen, O. H.

MUSICIANS.

James Biggs.
Herschel Hagerty.

PRIVATES.

Alyea, Isaac.
Blair, M. H.
Irving, Andrew.
Kingman, Chas.
Schow, Hans.
Sims, Henry C.

Byrus, John.
Baker, John W.
Calkins, R. D.
Charitan, D. F.
Chester, F. B.
Cornelson, John.
Conefry, Patrick.
Duncan, David.
Englebert, Louis.
Foster, Samuel H.
Gaghagan, J. S.
Gillen, Smith.
Goodman, S. A.
Goodman, J. S.
Lut
Mel
Mor
Mor
Mill
Mill
Mul
McL
Par
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Rice
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Roe

Fairbury

[NOTE.—Does not belong to independent company of organized, and deserve this work.]

J. H. Scibird, Captain.
Thomas Baker, First L.
Willie Van Doorn, Sec.
Charley Rettenmayer,
Harmon Gillett, Second
Fred Baker, Third Ser.
Frank Duell, Fourth S.
Fred Wright, Fifth Ser.

Grant McDowell.
George Decker.
Clarence Murdock.
Eddie Smith.

Adams, Willie.
Bartlett, Harry.
Baker, George.
Burrell, U. S.
Bryant, Willie.
Cramer, Willie.
Gardner, Walter.
Hurdle, Henry.
Jones, Willie.
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Robinson

WOW, 57 entries for Robinson.

Only pick out the ones that seem relevant.....

Nothing relevant, can come back to if I get some first names.

Swihart

Snelton, L. E., far.; P. O. Cornell.
Sutcliff, Robert, far.; P. O. Cornell.
Sutcliff, William, far.; P. O. Corne
Swihart, S. T., far.; P. O. Cornell.
Swainson, Ole, far.; P. O. Cornell.
Stamm, Gabriel, far.; P. O. Cornell.

Pennington

No hits.

1888 History book

Calkins

No hits of significance.

Skip Robinson for now, too many names

Swihart

No hits.

Pennington

No hits.

1900 History Book

Calkins

No hits.

Robinson

Robeson, Columbus A. 458
Robinson, Augustus 288
Robinson, Sylvanus S 511
Rohrer, G. E. 363

Swihart

No hits.

Pennington

No hits.

1909 Volume 2

Calkins

In September, 1871, a weekly mail route was established from Pontiac to Minonk. Miles Calkins was the first carrier.

Shortly after the Alton railroad opened for business in Pontiac came William Wall, who had just arrived from England. Mr. Wall started the first dray line in Pontiac and in a few years disposed of the business to a boy by the name of Ebenezer Calkins. Wall engaged in the saloon and hotel business and soon became the owner of the Washington hotel, which he conducted for years with success, and where he now resides, although the building has not been used for a hotel for twenty years. Calkins is still engaged in the dray business and is well supplied with this world's goods, is a good citizen and universally respected.

Skip Robinson for now, too many names

Swihart

No hits.

Pennington

No hits.

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Create a family tree(s).

Start with Eliza B. “Libbie” Calkins – Robinson


-there is a findagrave entry for her in pennington cemetery

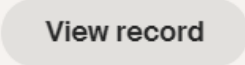
-marriage record to Lyman Robinson


Source citation for Illinois, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1800-1940

 **Ancestry record**


Illinois, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1800-1940

 Citation details

 **View record**

 Associated facts

Name	Elizabeth Cawkins
Gender	Female
Spouse	Lyman Robison
Child	Ida M Robison

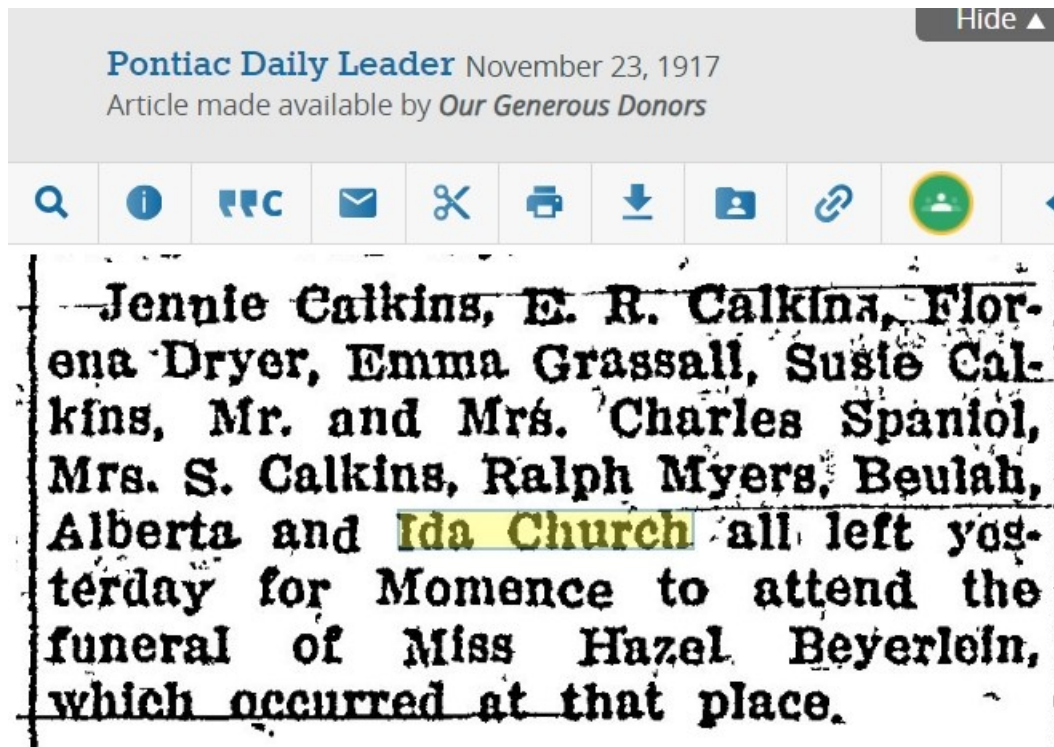
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-marriage record also has child of Ida M. Robinson

-Ancestry says she married a Mr. Church

-can I find obit for Ida Church?

-search the Sentinel and Pontiac Daily Leader.....



Note that some Calkins people went with her to this funeral, likely related to her.

Mrs. Ida Church belonged to the Women's Temperance (anti-alcohol) group in Pontiac.....

Pontiac Daily Leader May 19, 1928
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W. C. T. U. Holds
Regular May Meet

The regular meeting of the Pontiac Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the home of Mrs. **Ida Church**, Indiana avenue, Friday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, the meeting was prosided over by Mrs. Susannah Pitcher, vice president from the Episcopal church. Mrs. **Ida Church** gave the scripture lesson and prayer was offered by Mrs. Virginia Lyons. After the business session, a chapter from the study book was ably presented by Mrs. May Riess.

"Why a Go Forward Campaign is On," was explained by Mrs. Mary Runkill. She said in part

She was still in Temperance group in 1929.....

Pontiac Daily Leader May 21, 1929
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W. C. T. U. In
May Meeting

The regular May meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the home of Miss Ella Hargraves of West Madison street on last Saturday afternoon. The following program was given: Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"; scripture lesson, Psalms 146, read by Mrs. **Ida Church**; prayer, Mrs. Chester Crabtree, who also gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

No obit for her on march 29, 1932, in Leader?

Found obit by searching for Calkins name around 1932 in the Leader.... :)

Pontiac Daily Leader March 30, 1932
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DEATHS

Mrs. Frank A. Church.

Mrs. Ida M. Church, wife of Frank A. Church, well known resident of this city, passed away at the family home on East Indiana avenue at 10:15 o'clock last night. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Church had been in ill health for the past two years and for the past two weeks had been confined to her bed.

The funeral services will be held at two o'clock Friday afternoon from the First Christian church, the pastor, Rev. Chester Crabtree, conducting. Burial will be in the city cemetery.

Miss Ida M. Robinson was born near the Georgetown church in Rooks Creek township, November 14, 1861. She was the daughter of Lyman and Elizabeth (Calkins) Robinson, pioneer settlers of that vicinity. She grew to young womanhood there, receiving her education in the rural schools. She was united in marriage to Frank A. Church in this city on February 3, 1885, and with the exception of twelve years spent in the Dakotas, had spent all of her life in Pontiac and vicinity.

Mrs. Church is survived by her husband and the following children: Florence, Mrs. Elsie Bentley and Tressa, of Chicago; Mrs. Beulah Shipman, of Rockford; and Mrs. Albert Browere, of Chicago. Two grandchildren, Helen Louise and Richard Browere, also survive. Her father and mother preceded her in death. Mrs. Church was a member of the First Christian church.

Comments on Obit for Ida Robinson – Church

This is a valuable find!

It verifies who her parents were, and who her husband was.

Ida's house burns down in 1936

Pontiac Daily Leader January 20, 1936
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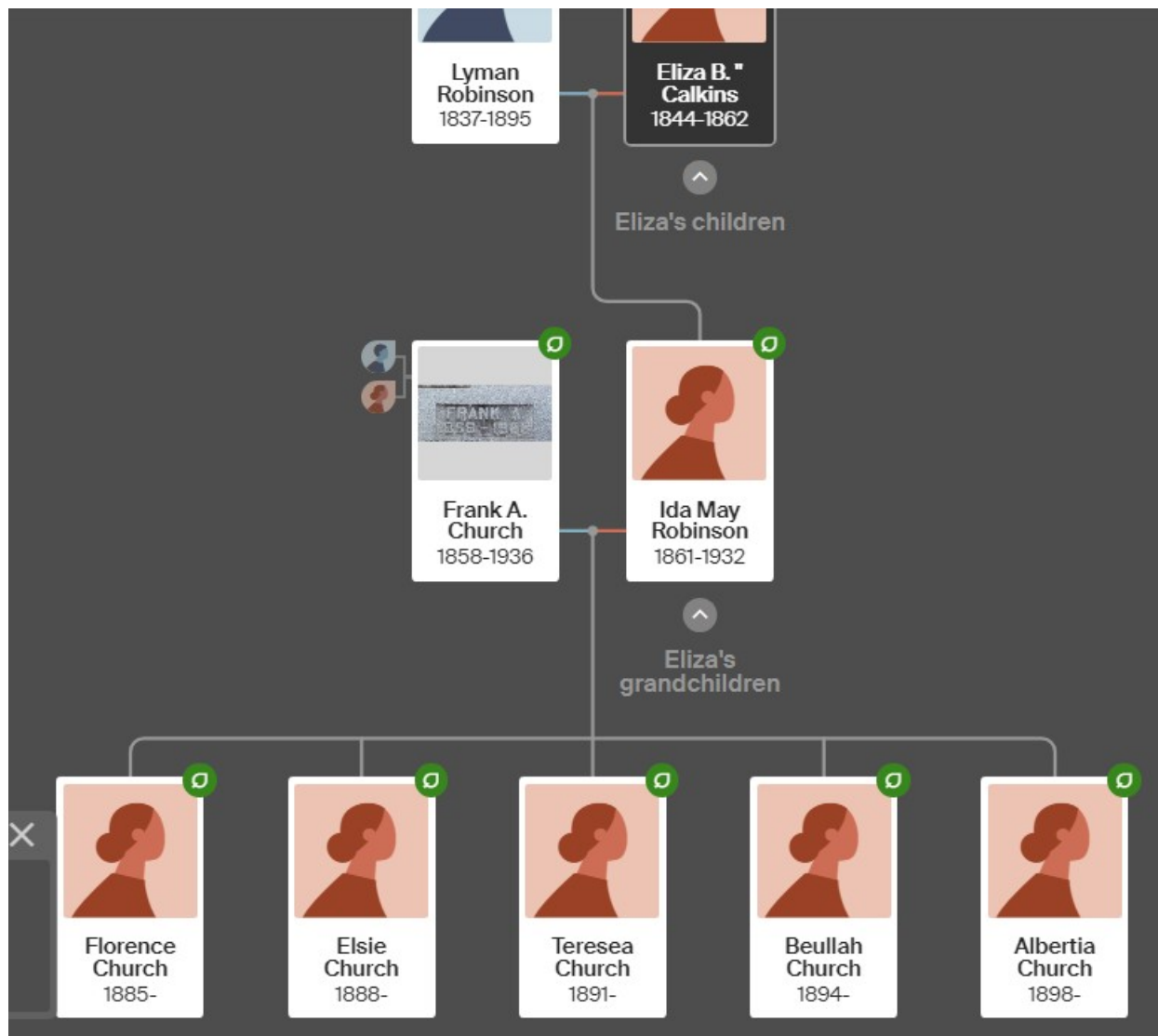
Fire Razes Home Of Frank Church

Fire, believed to have been caused by a defective flue, completely destroyed a two-story frame house owned by Frank A. Church, 1017 Indiana avenue, this afternoon.

Mr. Church, who with his son-in-law, John Bentley, lived in the house, first noticed the fire shortly after noon. It started in the attic and gained great headway before the fire department could get to it. It was necessary to run hose from a hydrant at the corner of Hazel street and Indiana avenue east to the house, which was approximately a quarter of a mile away. All the hose in the fire department was used, Fire Chief Ira Morrison said, estimating that 1,600 feet were in use. The new truck was used at the hydrant as a pump to increase pressure.

Freezing temperature and a strong northwest gale made the work of the firemen, all of whom were covered with ice, extremely difficult. Efforts were directed to keep the fire from spreading to a large shed located northeast of the Church house. Most of the downstairs furniture was saved. The house was insured against fire, Mr. Church said.

Ancestry.com so far



Obit for Frank Church – husband to Ida Robinson

Pontiac Daily Leader February 24, 1936

Article made available by Our Generous Donors



FRANK A. CHURCH.

Frank A. Church, well known Pontiac resident, residing at 1017 Indiana avenue, passed away at 10:45 o'clock this forenoon at St. James' hospital. Death was due to pneumonia and followed an illness of one week.

Funeral services will be held at 2-p.m. Wednesday from the First Christian church with which he had been long and closely identified. Friends may call at the Harris mortuary.

Mr. Church was born near Cayuga, December 6, 1858, son of Frederick and Mary (Wheatland) Church. He grew to young manhood in that vicinity, receiving his education in the country schools and early in life engaged in farming, which he followed all through his active life. Mr. Church was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Robinson, February 3, 1885, who preceded him in death March 28, 1932.

Mr. Church is survived by the following children: Florence and Tressa, of Chicago; Mrs. John Bentley and Mrs. W. R. Shipman, of this city, and Mrs. Harold Browere, of Chicago. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Allie Herb, of Emington, and two grandchildren, Helen Louise and Richard Browere. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William Church, and five sisters, Mrs. Emma Bennett, Mrs. Phoebe Bennett, Mrs. Sarah Harris, Mrs. Elizabeth Bashore and Miss Esie Church.

Comment

Have daughter Ida Robinson – Church and her husband Frank Church pretty well figured out.

Ida's obit reads that she was an only child.....no brothers or sisters are mentioned.

Lyman Robinson

Lyman Robinson

B: 19 March 1837 Pontiac Township, Livingston, Illinois, United States

D: 13 August 1895 Thurston, Nebraska, United States

Profile

Hints

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No obit found in sentinel or leader for him in 1895.

1878 history book

Render, Michael, far.: P. O. Pontiac.
Robinson, A. J., far.: P. O. Pontiac.
Robinson, **Lyman**, far.: P. O. Pontiac.
Roderick, John P., far.: P. O. Pontiac.

no other hits for Lyman Robinson in 1878 book.

No hits for Lyman Robinson in 1888 book.

At some point he went to Nebraska, since he died there.

Comment

Ida's mother may have died in childbirth since mother's death date is close to Ida's birth date?

1900 history book

no hits for Lyman robinson.....none in 1909 vol 2 either.

Any land purchases by Lyman Robinson?

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Patents

Image	Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
	MW-0682-295	ARMITAGE, JOHN, ROBINSON, JOEL	4/15/1853	28781	IL	3rd PM	027N - 003E	NW¼SW¼	3	Livingston
	MW-0721-385	BLUE, BENJAMIN H, ROBINSON, SETH	7/15/1853	13730	IL	3rd PM	028N - 004E	NW¼	15	Livingston
	MW-0777-148	CAMP, APPOLLOS, ROBINSON, THOMAS	7/1/1854	81805	IL	3rd PM	030N - 005E	NE¼SE¼	17	Livingston
	MW-0836-044	CASSEDAY, GEORGE W, ROBINSON, MERCY, ROBINSON, ALMON	10/9/1854	51439	IL	3rd PM	027N - 005E	E½NE¼	8	Livingston
	MW-0833-086	CROTHERS, JOHN P, ROBINSON, JOSIAH MEIGS	11/10/1854	10071	IL	3rd PM	027N - 007E	SW¼	21	Livingston
	MW-0828-153	MCDOWELL, WOODFORD G, ROBINSON, MARY ELIZABETH, ROBINSON, JOHN OLIVER	10/2/1854	86451	IL	3rd PM	027N - 006E	SW¼NE¼	32	Livingston
	MW-0648-468	ROBINSON, RANSOM, AVERY, AMOS	9/1/1853	27178	IL	3rd PM	028N - 004E	W½NE¼, Lot/Trct 1	2	Livingston
	MW-0784-440	TISON, WILLIAM H, ROBINSON, JAMES	7/1/1854	20567	IL	3rd PM	027N - 003E	SW¼	33	Livingston


No

Any land purchases by Calkins?

No

Comment

Kind of stuck on ancestors of Lyman Robinson and Eliza Calkins. Ancestry no help.



Lyman Robinson

BIRTH	1836
DEATH	13 Aug 1895 (aged 58–59)
BURIAL	Lyons Cemetery Lyons, Burt County, Nebraska, USA Add to Map
MEMORIAL ID	216081283 · View Source

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Inscription

AGED 59 YEARS

Family Members

Spouses



Eliza B. "Libbie" *Calkins* Robinson

unknown–1862 (m. 1860)



Rebecca Isabel *Pembroke* Robinson

1847–1935 (m. 1866)

Children



Ida May *Robinson* Church


1861–1932

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About **Details** Sources (29) Collaborate (0)


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Spouses and Children


✓ Preferred


 **Lyman Robinson**
1836–1895 • 2WMG-3QG


 **Elizabeth "Eliza" "Libbie"...**
1844–1862 • 277H-9YN


Marriage
14 Jul 1860
Livingston, Illinois, United States 

Parents and Siblings


 **George Robinson**
1801–Deceased • 27DM-GTK


 **Sylvia Mott**
1812–Deceased • 27DM-GYW


No Marriage Events 


Children (5) 

Add his parents to Ancestry.com.....


**Lyman Robinson**
1836-1895 • 2WMG-3QG



**Rebecca Isabel Pembroke**
1847-1935 • KFTY-VHC



Marriage
03 Jul 1866
LaSalle, Illinois, United States 



Children (9) 



brothers and sisters of Lyman Robinson.....



Children (5) 

**Lyman Robinson**
1836-1... • 2WMG-3QG 

**Andrew Robinson**
1839-1907 • L1H1-ZFF 

**Lydia Ann Robins...**
1840-1916 • GCLD-5QZ 

**William H Robinson**
1843-Dec... • L1H1-D88 

**Ephraim A. Robin...**
1848-1874 • 9Z36-FC7 

Break time

Been working 4 hrs on this one.

Boy, I have no idea of who Elizabeth Robinson (1846-1865) was??

she was about the same age as Eliza Calkins was, born within 2 years of each other.....??

A Major Find !

The findagrave for Eliza Calkins – Robinson, mentions her parents might be Nathaniel and Elizabeth Calkins. I plugged this into Ancestry to check it out.

Found a 1932 obit for Ebenezer Calkins, and it mentions he had a deceased sister Libbie, which is the nickname that Eliza went by.

Pontiac Daily Leader June 7, 1932
Article made available by Our Generous Donor

Ebenezer R. Calkins.
Funeral services for the late Ebenezer R. Calkins will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon, June 8, from the chapel of the R. J. Harris mortuary, Dr. John H. Ryan conducting. Burial will be in the south side cemetery with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows conducting.

Mr. Calkins passed away at his home, 319 West Cleary street, sometime Sunday night, having been found in bed Monday morning. Death was due to an acute heart attack.

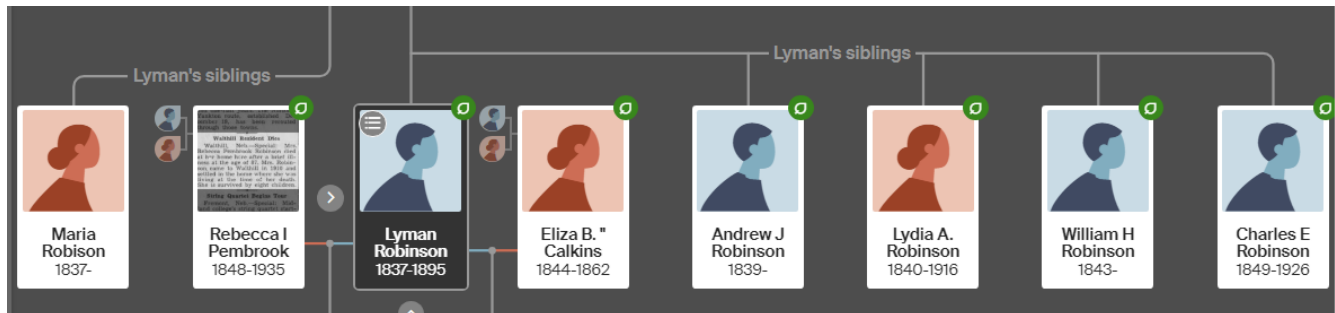
Ebenezer R. Calkins was born July 28, 1847, at Akron, O., son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Calkins. At the age of ten years he came to Illinois, which has since been his home. Early in life he carried mail between Pontiac and Minonk by horseback. On February 20, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Schlosser in this city. They immediately took up their residence here, Mr. Calkins engaging as a coal merchant and teaming and for 33 years was a member of the fire department. Mr. Calkins is survived by the following children: Mrs. Jennie Calkins, 319 Cleary street, this city; Mrs. Emma Grassall, 321 Sherman avenue, this city, and Samuel M. Calkins, of Canton, Ill. Mrs. Calkins preceded her husband in death March 14, 1932. He is preceded in death by five brothers, Asa, Nathaniel, William, Miles and Lester, and three sisters, LaVine, Libbie and Helen.

Mr. Calkins was a member of Pontiac lodge No. 262, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Story of Eliza “Libbie” Calkins basically done now

So, back to the mystery of who Elizabeth Robinson (1846-1865) was??

last digit of her death date is illegible and is a guess, 1865....



She was born in 1846.....Charles Robinson was born in 1849, could she have been a sister to Lyman Robinson who came to help with the infant child, Ida Robinson, after his 1st wife died and before he married a 2nd time to Rebecca Pembroke?

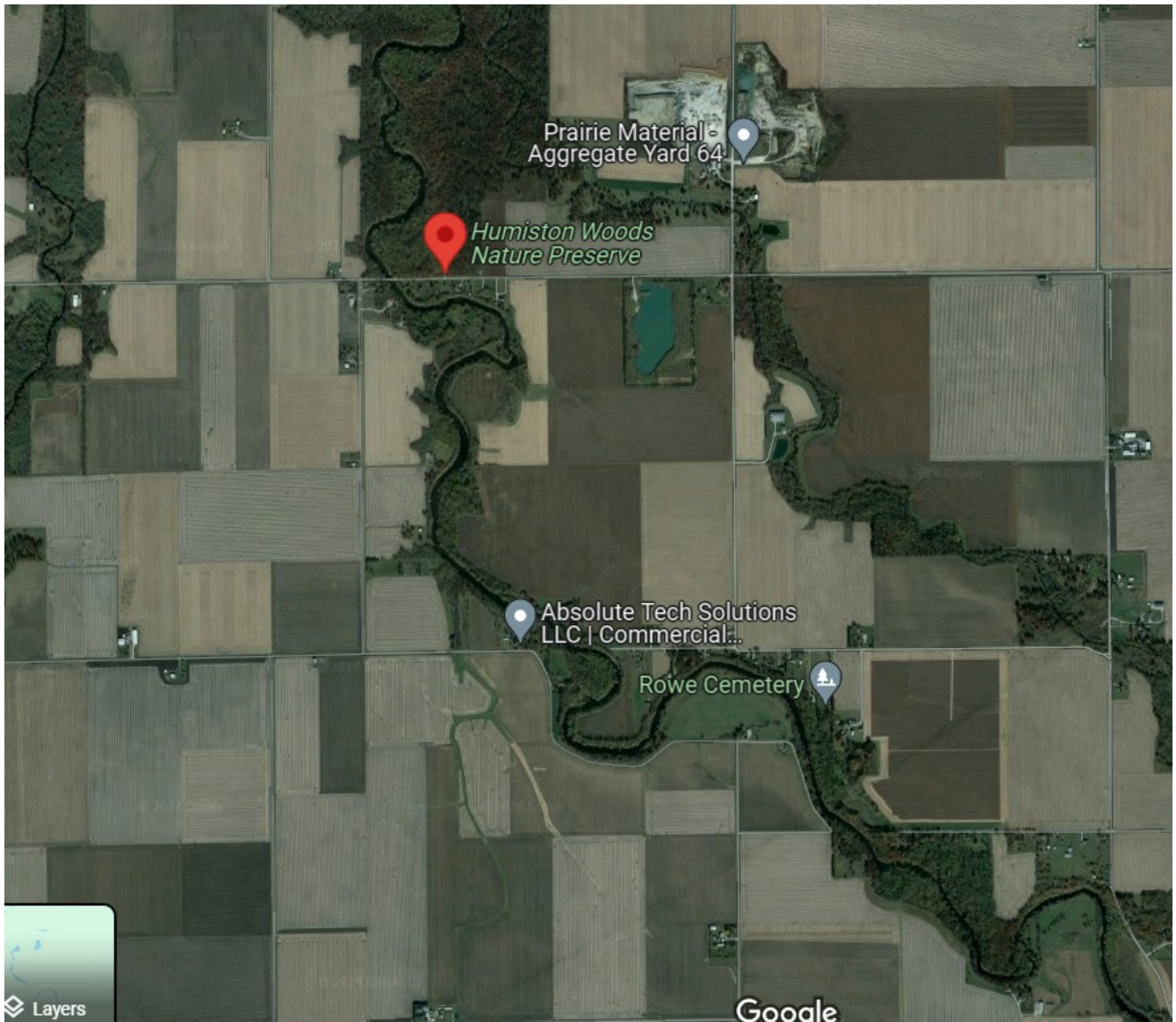
Can't find obit for Charles Robinson in 1926 in Leader, or in Iowa newspaper in Newspapers.com

George Robinson not buried in southside cemetery in pontiac per findagrave.

This is a historical plat map of Section 19, Township 36 North, Range 10 West, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. The map displays a grid of land parcels, each labeled with the owner's name and the acreage. The section is divided into 36 parcels, numbered 1 through 36. The map includes a river flowing through the section, a railroad line, and various landmarks such as schools and cemeteries. The map is labeled with 'POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS' and 'SECTION 19'.

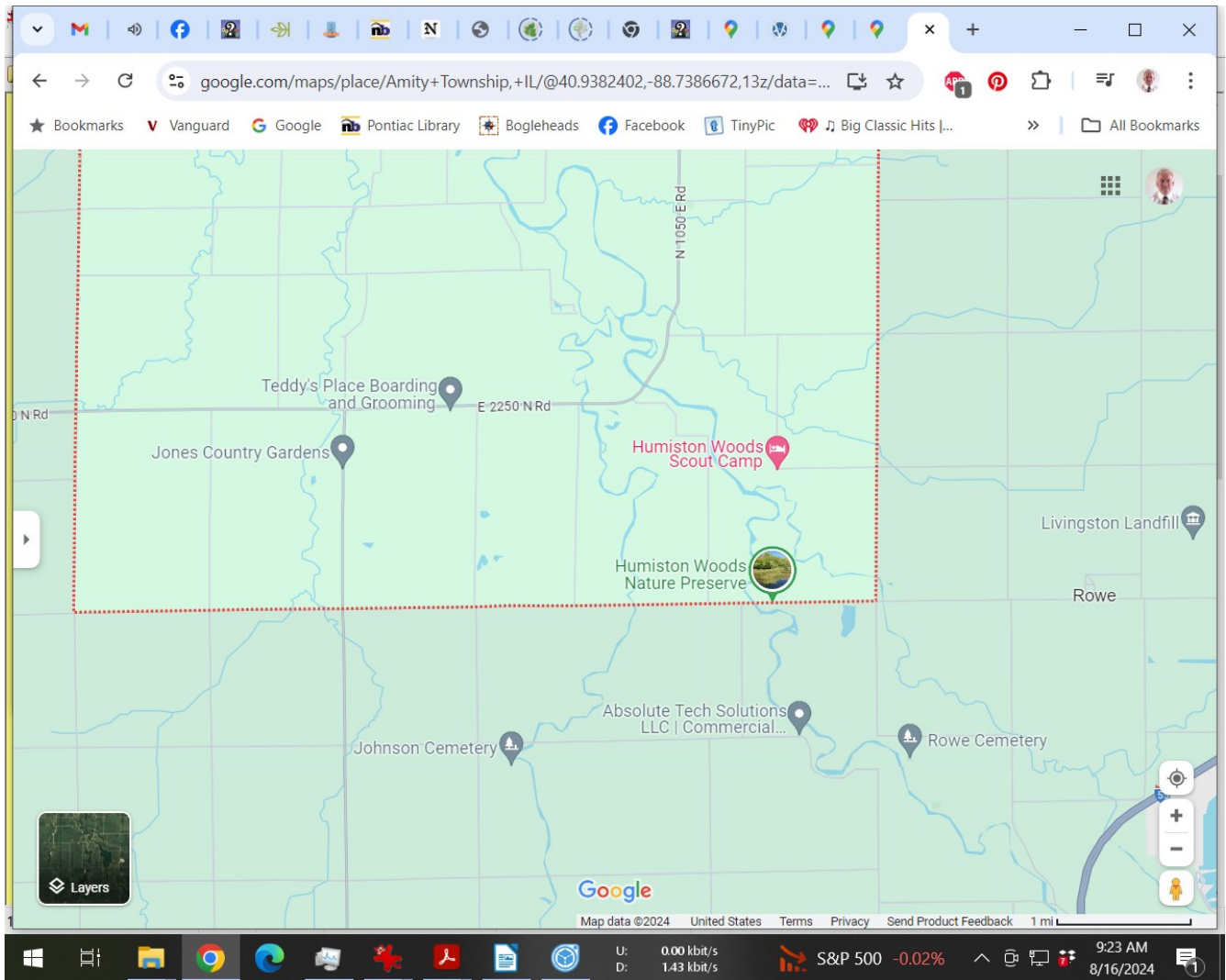
Parcel Number	Owner Name	Acreage
1	J. H. Lugler	167.27
2	E. Bertram	82.06
3	Eliza Schlosser	80
4	Chris Erickson	80.46
5	B. Murray	80.61
6	Elijah Schlosser	73.7
7	B. Murray	74
8	G. B. Durkee	74.68
9	Agnes Huggins	78.90
10	Nels Oleson	39.57
11	John O. Johnson	41.93
12	Mrs. Joseph T. Taylor	83.86
13	Noah Young	27.65
14	Francis Young	40
15	James Young	80
16	Noah Young	40
17	Francis Young	40
18	John K. Oleson	140
19	F. M. Campbell	40
20	John K. Oleson	140
21	F. M. Campbell	160
22	P. Duffy	80.84
23	H. H. McDowell	37
24	W. Walden	140
25	J. R. Plowman	80
26	P. Peterson	40
27	John Weber	40.70
28	Wm. M. Kinsley	33.95
29	H. P. Wheeler	40.72
30	P. Duffy	40
31	Thomas Wheeler	160.58
32	B. Murray	40.09
33	A. Freude	158
34	Paul Heisner	158
35	Joseph Rider	158
36	J. W. Br	222

Modern Google Map of the Area



OOOOPS

Humiston Woods is in Amity, not Pontiac Township per google maps.....



Amity Township

So humiston woods would be in the bottom RH section of Amity township, or Section 36.

This is a historical plat map showing land parcels and their owners. The map is divided into a grid of sections, with some sections further subdivided. Owners' names and acreage are listed for many parcels. A river or stream flows through the center of the map. A road or path is also visible. The map is labeled with 'CORNELL' in a large, bold font. The grid is labeled with letters K, T, W, P along the bottom and numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36 along the sides.

Section 12: Thomas Dohey 160, William Campbell 155, James M. Gourley 120, S. B. Miner 40.

Section 13: George W. Dale 120, Alfred Gourley 200, James Garretson 95.58, Albert Mitchell 157.56.

Section 14: Benjamin Beaman 138.99, R. Richards 110.75, Fred Richards 160, Alice Blake 80, B. F. Burt 70, Noah S. Dale 40, E. J. Blake 35, Alice Blake 125, John Mitchell Jr. 40, Joseph D. Mitchell 160, John H. Johnson 80, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 15: Benjamin Beaman 142, B. Miner 79.50, John L. Gourley 252, Jacob Allen 40, K. Allen 38.96, Dennis Folke 30, Walter Corne 14, William Campbell 155, Thomas Dohey 160, James M. Gourley 120, S. B. Miner 40, George W. Dale 120, Alfred Gourley 200, James Garretson 95.58, Albert Mitchell 157.56, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 22: John Corvigan 363, E. G. Richter 65, J. L. Johnson 200, T. F. Johnson 200, T. E. Miner 90.50, N. Zook 33, S. M. & D. M. Husted 241.50, W. H. Bennett 120, Amos Decker 80, John H. Johnson 80, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 23: B. R. Johnson 80, B. F. Burt 68, I. Boyer 199.75, John Mitchell Jr. 40, J. L. Gourley 40, Joseph D. Mitchell 160, John H. Johnson 80, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 24: John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 25: John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 26: W. H. Bennett 120, Amos Decker 80, John H. Johnson 80, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 27: R. B. Johnson 200, T. F. Johnson 200, T. E. Miner 90.50, N. Zook 33, S. M. & D. M. Husted 241.50, W. H. Bennett 120, Amos Decker 80, John H. Johnson 80, John Mitchell 160, Ira Erickson 120, S. Oakland 40.

Section 34: James Algoe 160, J. H. Bruce 160, John Martin 80, Charles Phillips 160, B. Humiston 160.

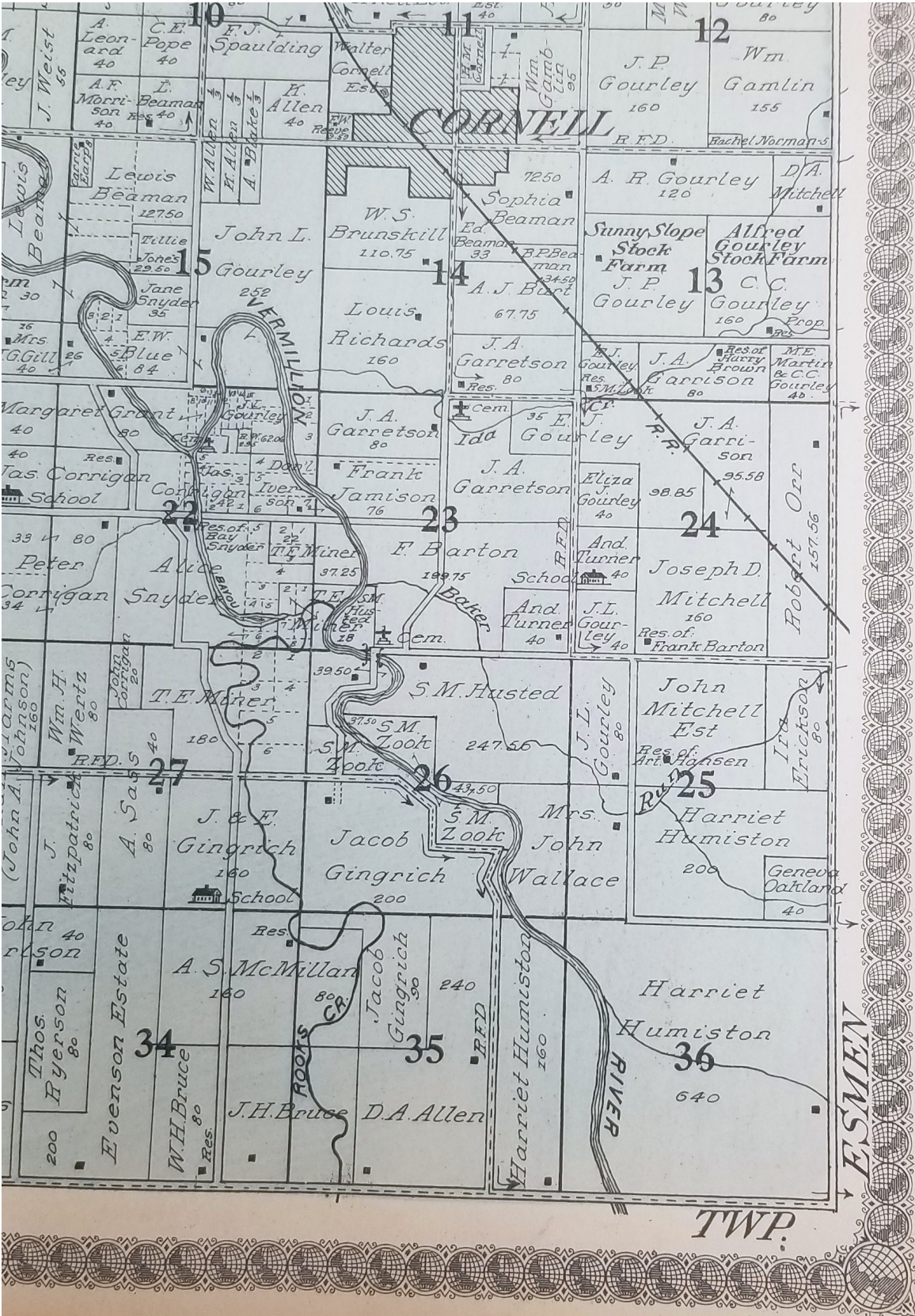
Section 35: John Martin 80, Charles Phillips 160, B. Humiston 160.

Section 36: B. Humiston 640.

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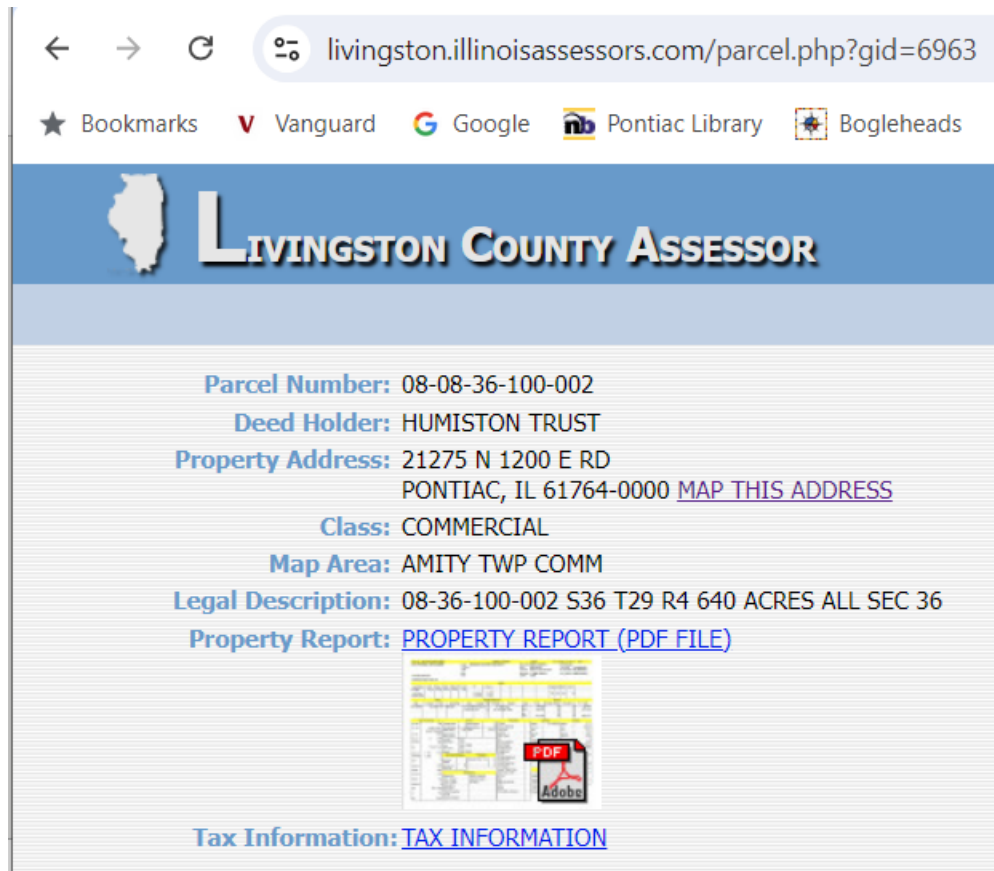
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1911 Atlas of Amity Township



Livingston County Tax Assessor web site

I think this is humiston woods in section 36.....



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `livingston.illinoisassessors.com/parcel.php?gid=6963`. The browser's bookmark bar includes "Bookmarks", "Vanguard", "Google", "Pontiac Library", and "Bogleheads". The website header features a blue banner with a white outline of Illinois and the text "LIVINGSTON COUNTY ASSESSOR". Below the banner, the following property information is listed:

- Parcel Number:** 08-08-36-100-002
- Deed Holder:** HUMISTON TRUST
- Property Address:** 21275 N 1200 E RD
PONTIAC, IL 61764-0000 [MAP THIS ADDRESS](#)
- Class:** COMMERCIAL
- Map Area:** AMITY TWP COMM
- Legal Description:** 08-36-100-002 S36 T29 R4 640 ACRES ALL SEC 36
- Property Report:** [PROPERTY REPORT \(PDF FILE\)](#)




















Below the "Property Report" link is a small thumbnail image of a PDF document. At the bottom of the page, the text "Tax Information: [TAX INFORMATION](#)" is displayed.

No Robinson's on either 1893 or 1911 atlas maps

I think he moved out of Illinois before 1893. He also may have cash rented and not owned the land either.

Who Bought Section 36 from US government?

Print

	Names 	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
  	BLAKE, DANIEL W, KAUFFELT, ISABELLA, KAUFFELT, DANIEL	2/9/1861	70405	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	NE¼	36
 	CAMP, APOLAS, VAN METER, ABRAHAM	3/1/1854	30152	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	NE¼SW¼	36
	CAMPBELL, JAMES	7/10/1844	8442	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	W½SE¼	36
 	FISHER, GEORGE S, COLLINS, JOHN	3/1/1854	43369	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	SE¼NW¼	36
 	LACOCK, NELSON O, WILSON, SAMUEL	2/20/1857	70984	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	SE¼SW¼	36
	MANLEY, DAVID	11/1/1839	5495	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	W½NW¼	36
	MANLEY, EPHRAIM	11/1/1839	5494	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	W½SW¼	36
 	PALMER, LEVIN T, LYNCH, JOHN	11/10/1854	13678	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	NE¼SE¼	36
 	PALMER, LEVIN T, HASTING, ELIHU	11/10/1854	87734	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	SE¼SE¼	36
 	RAY, JOHN, KAY, JOHN	3/1/1854	12458	IL	3rd PM	029N - 004E	NE¼NW¼	36

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Apolas Camp was very close, because he had the NE1/4 of the SW1/4...1854.

Is Pennington Cemetery mentioned in Daily Leader archives?

No

Go to Dominey library and check for burial info in the Erickson book

Print out this page and take with me.....

Pennington Cemetery



Eliza B. "Libbie" *Calkins* Robinson ✿
unknown – 1 Oct 1862



Elizabeth Robinson ✿
Oct 1846 – 28 Mar 1865



Jemima Swihart ✿
26 Oct 1863 – 10 Feb 1871

Livingston County
Cemetery Records

Volume I

Mary Peterson Erickson

LIVINGSTON COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS
PENNINGTON FARM CEMETERY
SECTION 36-AMITY TOWNSHIP
LOCATED ON HUMISTON ESTATE AT HUMISTON WOODS
RECORDED??

ROBINSON, ELIZABETH.....

MAR. 28, 186? 18YRS 5MO
WIFE OF L. ROBINSON
SMALL STONE WITH E. R. ON IT

(RO ?)BINSON, ??? AND BY HER CHILDREEN (J. & D. A. & E.)

SWHART, JEMIMA.....

FEB. 10, 1871 7YR 3MO 15DA
D/O J. & M. SWHART

LOCATED ONE EIGHT MILE WEST OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY ROADS –
20961N & 1100 E. ROAD.

THIS IS SITE OF OLD PENNINGTON FARM. AT PRESENT IT IS THE WORK SITE OFFICE FOR
HUMISTON WOODS. THE GRAVES SHOULD BE DIRECTLY NORTH OF THIS AREA ABOUT 20
RODS. NEAR THE VERMILLION RIVER.

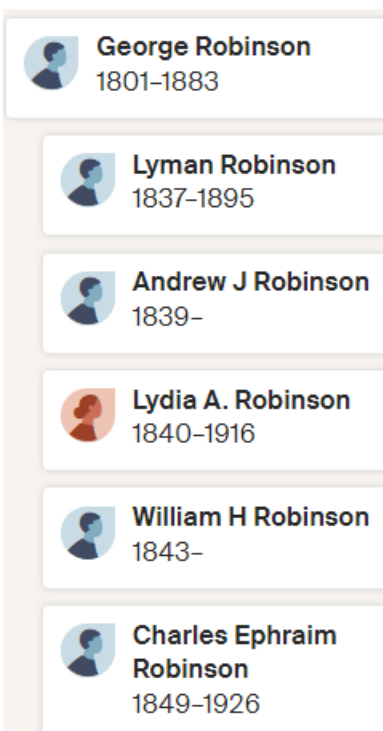
Comments

A Mr. pennington must have farmed nearby, where people remembered this in the 1970s when the ladies wrote down everything on each tombstone in all of livingston county.

(RO ?)BINSON, ???? AND BY HER CHILDREEN (J. & D. A. & E.)

Note there are no dates at all on their entry. Just that she had children J & D, and A & E.

could this have been Robinson's mother?



His mother had no children with first names that started with J, D, A, E.....except Andrew.

Looking at the findagrave photographs, stone does say 18 years 5 months.

Maybe there are 2 stones for the same person?

Quit on 2nd Robinson stone and move on to 3rd stone

SWHART, JEMIMA

FEB. 10, 1871 7YR 3MO 15DA
D/O J. & M. SWHART

1872 sentinel.....Jonathan Swihart had unpaid letter at Post office

List of Letters

REMAINING UNCLAIMED IN THE
Post Office, Pontiac, May 1st, 1872.

Bryant Ellen Mrs	Larsen Ole
Baenerely Geo	Morgan James
Barber E	Potter John 2
Barnes Ollie	Rand Eliza
Chambers Electa J	Raimon Ann Mrs
Duffy B 2	Ramsay Arie Mrs
Diakey Robt	Swihart Jonathan
Johnson Andrew 2	Solan Thomas
Lechner Geo	Tolbert Elen

Persons calling for above letters will say
advertised.

R. J. ADAMS, P. M.

1870 Census

Daughter is living with parents in Amity Township, father was a farmer at that time. Jemima died the next year.

Household Members (Name)	Age
Jonathan Swihart	29
Mary Swihart	30
Sophia Swihart	8
Jemima Swihart	6
Anna Swihart	4

Swihart in 1878 History book

Sutcliffe, Robert, far.; P. O. Cornell.
Sutcliffe, William, far.; P. O. Cornell.
Swihart, S. T., far.; P. O. Cornell.
Swainson, Ole, far.; P. O. Cornell.

No Swihart hits in 1888, 1900, or 1909 Vol 2 books

Title: Abandoned Family Cemetery in Humiston Woods

By: Dale C. Maley

Timeline

- 1801 George Robinson born in New York
- 1812 Sylvia Cook born in New York
- 1837 Likely got married, oldest child Lyman Robinson born in PA
He was 36 and she was 25. They had 6 children
- 1850 Census.
George and Sylvia Robinson lived in Livingston County.
Son Lyman was 13, total of 5 children in household.
- 1860 Census.
George and Sylvia Robinson lived in Amity Township and
their post office was in Rooks Creek. George was 57, Sylvia was 47, Ephraim Robinson was 11
and Lyman Robinson was 23.
- 1860 Lyman Robinson married Eliza B. "Libbie" Calkins in Livingston County.
He was 23 and she was 16. They had 1 child, girl.
Her parents were Nathaniel Miles Calkins (1808-1858) and Elizabeth Norton (born in 1810).
Nathaniel and Elizabeth Calkins had 9 children.
- 1861 Daughter Ida May Robinson born to Lyman and Libbie Robinson.
- 1862 Eliza Robinson died at age of 18, buried in cemetery.
Lyman had to raise infant daughter by himself.
- 1866 Lyman Robinson married Rebecca Isabel Pembroke (1848-1935) in LaSalle.
He was 29 and she was 18. they had 8 children.
- 1870 Census for George Robinson.
Living in Rooks Creek. George was 70, wife must have been dead. 33 year old daughter
Maria lived with him.
- 1870 Census for Lyman and Rebecca Robinson.
Lived in Rooks Creek. Lyman was 33 and Rebecca was 23. Ida May Robinson was 8. In
addition were 2 daughters of Lyman and Rebecca which were Nellie and Irene.
- 1880 Census for Lyman and Rebecca Robinson. Lived in Rooks Creek.
Lyman was 43 and Rebecca was 32. Ida not there.....had 5 children living at home.
- 1883 George Robinson died at age 82. Burial location unknown.
- 1884 Lyman moved to Lyons, Nebraska
- 1885 Ida married Frank A. Church. She was 24 and he was 27.
They had 5 girls.
Moved to South Dakota.
- 1895 Lyman died in Thurston, Nebraska at age of 58.
- 1900 Frank and Ida moved back to Pontiac.
- 1932 Ida died in Pontiac at age of 70.
- 1936 Frank Church died in Pontiac at age of 77.

Land History

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- 1854 Apolas Camp was very close, because he had the NE1/4 of the SW1/4...1854.
- 1893 B. Humiston owned all of the 640 acres in Section 36.
- 1911 Harriet Humiston owned all of it.

Timeline for Swihart

- 1840 Jonathan H. Swihart Jr. born in Ohio.
Parents were Jonathan Swihart Sr. (1807-1850) and Elizabeth Tombaugh (1813-1878)
- 1860 About.
Jr. married Mary Schillinger (1839-1909) in Indiana.
Her parents were John Jacob Schillinger (1804-1842) and Julia Ann Sponseller (1810-1886)
He was 20 and she was 21 when they married.
They had 8 children.
- 1870 Census.
He was 29 and she was 30.
Lived in Amity Township. Farmer
Sophia, 8.....Jemima, 6.....Anna.....4.
- 1871 Jemima Swihart died at the age of 7, buried in little cemetery.
- 1880 Census.
Family moved to Bourbon, Indiana
- 1909 Mary Schillinger died in Indiana at age of 70.
- 1923 Jonathan died in Indiana at age of 82.
- 2024 No obits for either parent which mentioned her.
She is in 1870 Census, and her gravestone.
Forgotten and buried with strangers.

Now, using the outline above.....write the story

Title: Abandoned Family Cemetery in Humiston Woods

By: Dale C. Maley

Humiston Woods is a beautiful nature preserve with 336 acres and is located northwest of Pontiac. Included in Humiston Woods on the west side of the Vermilion River is a small and abandoned family cemetery.

This small cemetery has two or three marked graves. The cemetery is about 0.8 miles west of the east border of Section 36 in Amity Township in Livingston County. The legal land description for the cemetery would be in the west one-half of the southwest quarter of Section 36. This land was originally purchased by Ephraim Manley from the U.S. Government in 1839.

In 1854, Appollo Camp bought the land just adjacent to the east which would be the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36.

By the time the 1893 Livingston County Atlas was prepared, B. Humiston owned all 640 acres in Section 36 of Amity Township. When the 1911 Livingston County Atlas was made, Harriet Humiston owned all of Section 36. Today, this land is owned by the Humiston Trust.

The oldest burial in this little cemetery is for Eliza B. "Libbie" Robinson in 1862. The story of this family began with the birth of George Robinson in New York in 1801. Around 1837, George Robinson married Sylvia Cook. George was 36 and Sylvia was 25 when they married. George and Sylvia Robinson had six children. Their oldest child, Lyman Robinson, was born in Pennsylvania in 1837.

In the 1850 Census, the George Robinson family had moved to Livingston County. Their son, Lyman Robinson was 13. There was a total of five children in the household.

In the 1860 Census, the George Robinson family was living in Amity Township and their Post Office was in Rooks Creek. George was 57 and his wife Sylvia was 47. In this Census, son Ephraim was 11 and son Lyman was 23.

Lyman Robinson married Eliza B. "Libbie" Calkins in Livingston County in 1860. Lyman was 23 and Libbie was 16 when they married. One year later, daughter Ida May Robinson was buried.

Unfortunately, Libbie Robinson died in 1862 at the age of 18. She was buried in the cemetery that is now part of Humiston Woods. Lyman Robinson had to then care for his infant daughter Ida Robinson. Four years after his wife died, Lyman Robinson married Rebecca Isabel Pembroke (1848-1935) in LaSalle. Lyman was 29 and Rebecca was 18 when they married. Lyman and Rebecca Robinson had eight children.

When the 1870 Census was conducted, Sylvia Robinson, wife of George Robinson had apparently died. George was 70 years old and was living with his 33 year old daughter Maria Robinson in Rooks Creek. In this Census, Lyman and Rebecca Robinson also lived in Rooks Creek. Eight year old Ida Robinson lived with them as well as daughters Nellie and Irene.

In the 1880 Census, Lyman and Rebecca Robinson still lived in Rooks Creek. Ida Robinson was not living with them at that time. Five children of Lyman and Rebecca Robinson lived in the household.

In 1883, George Robinson died at age 82. His burial location unknown at this time. One year after his father died, Lyman Robinson and his family moved to Lyons, Nebraska.

Ida May Robinson married Frank A. Church in 1885. Frank was 27 and Ida was 24 when they married. They had five girls. After they married, they moved to South Dakota.

In 1895, Lyman Robinson died in Thurston, Nebraska at age of 58. In 1900, Frank and Ida Church moved back to Pontiac after living in South Dakota. Ida died in Pontiac in 1932 at the age of 70. Her husband, Frank Church, died in Pontiac in 1936 at the age of 77.

A second burial in the cemetery in Humiston Woods dates back to the 1871 burial of seven year old Jemima Swihart. The Swihart family story began with the birth of Jonathan H. Swihart Jr. in Ohio in 1840. His parents were Jonathan Swihart Sr. (1807-1850) and Elizabeth Tombaugh (1813-1878).

In about 1860, Jonathan Swihart Jr. married Mary Schillinger (1839-1909) in Indiana. Her parents were John Jacob Schillinger (1804-1842) and Julia Ann Sponseller (1810-1886). Jonathan was 20 and Mary was 21 when they married. They had eight children.

In the 1870 Census, Jonathan was 29 and his wife Mary was 30 years old. They lived in Amity Township and he farmed. Their three daughters living at home included Sophia, age eight, Jemima, age six, and Anna, age four.

Unfortunately, Jemima Swihart died in 1871 when she was eight years old. Her family buried her in the little cemetery in Humiston Woods. By the time of the 1880 Census, the Jonathan Swihart family had moved from Amity Township to Bourbon, Indiana. Mary Swihart died in 1909 in Indiana at the age of 70. Her husband, Jonathan Swihart, died in Indiana in 1923 at the age of 82.

In the late 1970s, Mary Peterson Erickson and a group of volunteers visited every cemetery in Livingston County. They wrote down the information inscribed on each grave stone. They then published a two-volume set of books titled Livingston County Cemetery Records. In this book, Mary Erickson assigned the name of the Pennington Farm Cemetery to this little cemetery in Humiston Woods. Mary Erickson noted that the little cemetery was on the site of the old Pennington farm. This cemetery name was added to the FindaGrave website which has cemetery burial information for all cemeteries.

There is possibly a third burial in this small cemetery. Unfortunately, only the last name of Robinson can be read on the stone. The lettering on this stone is almost completely gone. Further investigation may determine if this is a gravestone for a third burial.

For the two known burials in this cemetery, both of the families later moved out of Illinois after the deaths occurred. Their graves have largely been forgotten to the sands of time.

